THE POOR LITTLE GUY

By William Samuel Johnson, While the legions are locked on the dead line, While the dreadnoughts are glooming the seas, While horrors of rumor and headline Give a tang to an evening of ease, Let us kneel in the dust of all faction, Let us pray to the Peace from on high For a small, unspectacular fraction-The poor little guy!

In the fangs of the tangling wire He slips in the slime of the dead; He blinks at the spume of the fire And the scream of the stream of lead; And yet-he knew nought of the plotting; And nought can he profit thereby; But his is the dying-and rotting-The poor little guy!

Let us pray for his kine in the stable, For his ox and his ass and his swine. For his chair and his plate on the table, For his cornfield and orchard and vine, For the tilth where the women are plying, For the bed where he never shall lie, For the ache that is worse than the dying-The poor little guy!

A pitiful pawn of Vienna, Of Kaiser, of King or of Czar, He is pushed to the pit of Gehenna, To the slide of the Great Abattoir. He goes as the walling denial, As the infinite, travailing cry Of the Peace to be born from his trial-. The poor little guy!

The Peace of the pure consummation Foretold in the ages before When nation shall strive not with nation, Nor shall they learn war any more. But, Jesus!-the carrion faces That glare at the pestilent sky And the trench at the foot of the glacis-The poor little guy!

-Town Talk.

York County Farmer (bursting into the village inn)-What d'ye think, Silas? The bones of a prehistoric man have been found on Jim White's

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